

SME/AST/RCL/GHA

Thursday 13 October 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations – Autumn 2022

Half term is swiftly approaching and as calendared, Year 11 will be commencing their mock examinations shortly after their return to the academy in Autumn 2. To ensure that all stakeholders are well equipped to support and assist with the matters arising I have outlined a robust, extensive and clear picture of the next two months of the academic term for our Year 11 students.

Mock Examinations – Autumn 2022

All subjects across our broad and diverse curriculum will have mock examinations that will take place across the 4-week window, split into three phases. The three phases will enable students to revise and prepare for each of the phases and the subjects within them.

Core subject examinations will take place in our Sports Hall and Stage Hall and options subjects and practical exams will take place in subject areas during lesson time.

The students that require exam access arrangements (EAA) as currently identified by the SEND department will have a bespoke timetable in place with locations that may vary from their usual classrooms. This will be shared by the SEND department to the individual students. Should you have any questions relating to your child's EAA, please liaise with Mrs Archer (FRC SEND Manager) via s.archer@plume.essex.sch.uk

In option subjects, if a paper being sat is longer than the lesson time, this will have been evenly distributed across the fortnight's lessons within the subject, to ensure students are able to access the paper as required and within the conditions that would have been in place if an examination had taken place in the allotted single time slot.

All examinations will take place in examination conditions. A set procedure will be in place for students that do not adhere to these expectations, and those that do not follow the protocols will face appropriate and fair sanctions thereafter.

Monday 14 November 2022 – Friday 18 November 2022

- Phase 1 Mock Examinations – Core Subjects
- English, English Literature, Mathematics, Science

Monday 21 November 2022 – Friday 2 December 2022

- Phase 2 Mock Examinations – Option Subjects and RE

Monday 5 December 2022 – Friday 9 December 2022

- Phase 3 Mock Examinations – Practical Subjects

Marking, Feedback and Progress Review Report – Autumn 2022

The subjects within each phase will have a time to log, record and mark each mock examination paper. The results and grade that the students attain during the mock examination period will be shared in lessons with students, when the marking is complete. Mock exam papers will inform students current grade and predicted grade shared in the Progress Review 1 report. This information will be sent to parents and carers during the week commencing Monday 16 January 2023 and prior to Parents Consultation Evening on Thursday 19 January 2023. From this point, students will be in a position to finalise their application to Plume College and other post-16 providers.

Post 16 Application to Plume College

To ensure students have the correct, up to date and most valid set of data that links to their current and predicted grade, Plume College has taken the decision to extend the deadlines for internal applications to **Friday 27 January 2023**.

There are a number of matters addressed in this letter and I appreciate that this may come with further questions or guidance required, therefore if you wish to clarify any of the information above please contact me via email s.meadows@plume.essex.sch.uk.

If in the meantime, you have any other matters of concern, do not hesitate to contact teaching staff directly or, if you require pastoral support, then please contact Mr. Farrow (Head of Year 11) or Mrs. Slade (Assistant Head of Year 11) by either telephone or email, and they will be more than happy to support and assist.

Many thanks in advance of your usual level of support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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